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State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Evers,

Yesterday, WISC-TV in Madison aired a story regarding Wisconsin's school voucher program. The story featured a school in my district, Lighthouse Christian School, which is the only school in Dane County participating in the statewide voucher program.

During the segment the reporter interviewed a family that received a voucher for their child's tuition at Lighthouse Christian School. The reporter, Jessica Arp, reported that the parents, who also serve as the church's pastors and school's director, received a voucher then used it for students other than their own daughter.

Specifically, the reporter stated, "Isabela's parents, Marcio and Tia Sierra, are the pastors and director of the school. When they received the voucher, they said they used the tuition to help others get in to the school."

The full text and video from the news segment may be found at: <http://www.channel3000.com/news/Parents-consider-impact-of-public-school-voucher-expansion/31102130>

Wisconsin State Statutes, in 118.60(2), outline specific family income and other guidelines under which a child may qualify for a voucher, which can then only be used for that qualified child.

Based on statements made by the reporter, it appears this may be a violation of our state statutes and a fraudulent use of a voucher issued under the school choice program. I urge you to investigate this instance of potential fraud and to take appropriate action should your findings reveal that such fraud has been committed.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,



Representative Lisa Subeck  
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